Supernumerary Clerks in the Secretariat.

31 *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many clerks have been declared supernumerary in the Huzur Office subsequent to the standardisation of salaries; and

(*b*) what are those clerks doing now?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) 10.

(*b*) Nine are attending to clerical work in the Secretariat. The other has been transferred to the Land Revenue Department.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why these ten clerks have been declared as supernumeraries?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In the standardisation scheme, the number of undergraduate clerks in the Secretariat was reduced by 13 and a corresponding increase was made in the number of graduate clerks. Of the 13 posts of undergraduate clerks abolished, three were promoted to the graduate scale of Rs. 40-70 even before the standardisation came into effect. One was transferred to the Land Revenue Department and the remaining nine are now in the Secretariat as supernumerary undergraduate clerks posted against the vacancies in the graduate scale of Rs. 40-70.

Detection of Excise cases in the Ettumanur Range.

32 *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of Excise cases detected by the Special Party deputed for the work in the Ettumanur Range after the Kuruppumtara rape case:

(*b*) the names of the Inspector and the Assistant Excise Commissioner who were responsible for the prevention of such offences within that Range;

(*c*) the action taken by the Excise Commissioner or the Government against such officers; and

(*d*) whether the Excise Commissioner has made any report to Government regarding the matter?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Twenty-one.

(*b*) Mr. K. M. Michael, B. A., B. L., was in charge of the Range at the time of the detection of the cases. Ettumanur is in the Kottayam Division and Mr. S. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B L., is the Assistant Excise Commissioner in charge of the Division.

(*c*) The Sub-Inspector, who was found responsible for the prevalence of malpractices, has been punished.

(*d*) Yes.

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